

Thursday April 1st, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We hope that everyone had the chance to enjoy some quality time (especially outdoors) over the Break! Here are your updates for our first week back before the Easter Long Weekend is upon us this coming Friday:

- **Use of Masks at School:** as per our most recent Provincial Health and Safety Guideline updates, all school staff, visitors to the school, and students in Grade 4 to 12 must wear a non-medical mask at all times while indoors at school. While there are certain exceptions to this new mandate (ie: being able to temporarily remove your mask to eat snacks or lunch items at the appropriate time), we are communicating with students that the only real place that you can take your mask off is when you are outside of the building. Claremont students and staff are doing their best to create a safe learning and working environment for each other. Wearing a mask properly while in the building is one way to increase feelings of safety. The Ministry guidelines highlight specific adjustments that have been included in our Saanich School District Safety Plan, found [HERE](#).
- **Going 'Outside' for Breaks and Lunch:** As the spring weather warms up, we encourage our students and staff to head outdoors at lunch break for some fresh air. With the tightened masks rules as stated above, students have the option to eat their lunches in their block one classroom (for the first 15min of lunchtime only) or outside, not in the hallways.
- **Literacy / Numeracy Assessments:** The assessment schedule for Mon Apr 12th to Wed Apr 14th is linked [HERE](#). These assessments only affect Grade 10 or 11 students that are scheduled in a Math or English class (or both) this Quarter; please double check the schedule if this is the case and ensure that your child is aware of the date(s) and time(s) that they are writing. Sample questions and extra info for both assessments are linked [HERE](#).
- **In Person Support for Students:** With three weeks to go in the Quarter, we would like to remind all students that there is drop in support available, especially for all core level courses (Math, Science, Socials, & English), at our After School Homework Club that runs on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3:00pm-4:00pm in Room 235.
- **SD63 School Year in Reflection:** SD63 has recently posted a survey to collect staff, student, and parent/ guardian feedback on your educational experiences this year. In particular, the district would like to know what has worked well and what was challenging with the goal of learning from this year to better prepare for next year. The survey will be open until Thurs April 8th and can be found [HERE](#).
- **After Grad Parent Committee Meeting:** The next meeting is Tuesday April 6th at 7:00 pm, virtually through TEAMS. If you are interested in joining this meeting please RSVP through email to Mr. Westhaver ([pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca](mailto:pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca)) and he will send you the invite link.
- **Group A/B Rotation:** The Group A/B schedule for the next two weeks is listed below:

★ AM Classes will be on A/B Rotation					
★ PM Classes will be in full time daily attendance					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 8</b> April 5	5	6	7	8	9
	STAT Holiday				
	A	B	A	B	A
<b>Week 9</b> April 12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12	13	14	15	16
	B	A	B	A	B

Sincerely,

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